



**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend Claims 1 and 6 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended) An integrated interior trim piece having a first surface, for a vehicle comprising:

an upholstery skin material;

[a] substantially all of said first surface being an exposed porous substrate [located substantially at said first surface]; and

a molded foam material extending between said upholstery skin material and said substrate, for bonding said upholstery skin material to said porous substrate.

6. (Twice Amended) An interior trim piece having a first surface, for a vehicle comprising:

an upholstery skin material;

a molded foam layer bonded to said upholstery skin material; and

each a porous substrate integrally formed within said foam layer, wherein [said] substantially all of said first surface being an exposed porous substrate [has a first surface which is substantially adjacent said first surface] and said foam layer [forms] forming a bond between said porous substrate and said upholstery skin material.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner is thanked for courtesies granted during the telephonic conference of September 7, 2000. As the Examiner may recall, amendments to Claims 1 and 6 were proposed which would better define the Applicants' invention. Specifically, substantially all of the inner surface of the trim substrate is a porous substrate layer. Applicant believes this clearly overcomes the Examiner's reference to Takeuchi et al. (U.S. Patent 5,180,617) which shows a porous layer intermediate to a foam layer and a foamed layer inner surface.

Applicants believe all of the stated grounds for rejection have been properly,